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Marlene H. Dortch

Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

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RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction. We currently are served by Time Warner Cable in Kansas City, Missouri, where I serve as City Councilman, 1<sup>st</sup> District At-Large. I am requesting your approval for this transaction for a number of reasons.

First, the transaction would allow us to accelerate faster data speeds to our residents. Comcast just announced that it has increased its Internet speeds. Our neighboring city Independence which is served by Comcast is now able to access the Internet with speeds up to 150 Mbps and pay nothing additional for the increase. Kansas City will not see that faster speed through Time Warner Cable at no extra fee for another year.

Our residents want to have the same advantages as their neighbors, both in terms of a first in class network and in gaining faster speeds. The proposed transaction would make that possible.

Comcast's transition to all-digital video more than a year ago puts it in a position to bring Time Warner Cable video services up to date. More importantly, though, is that the minority-owned independent networks which Comcast brings to viewers would be welcomed by Time Warner Cable subscribers in Kansas City.

I have been a proponent of global commerce opportunities for the Kansas City and I know that telecommunications' role in this endeavor cannot be overstated. Our residents must have up-to-date

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digital literacy skills if they are to compete and flourish in trade that is increasingly internationally-based. Comcast has contributed to technology training for youth in the communities it serves with its free Digital Connectors program.

Comcast has also made giant strides in assuring that our nation's poorest children have access to computers and the Internet through Comcast Internet Essentials. This program began as a three-year project offering families whose children received free school lunches broadband service at \$9.95 a month and a discounted Internet-ready computer for \$150. Although many families enrolled - more than 350,000 nationwide so far - Comcast recently upped the incentive to get kids online by offering six free months of service for households which enroll by Sept. 20. That additional \$60 savings is a great deal for strapped household budgets. The Internet Essentials program would be desirable for Kansas City's urban core as it would provide thousands more children who now have no home Internet an increased chance of getting connected and beginning the academic year on par with their suburban peers.

Please consider the above reasons as you make a determination in the proposal. Your hoped-for approval of the transaction promises a multitude of benefits to Kansas City and many other communities.

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